

c 5000 BC

Egypt

Egypt was once a savanna where elephants and gazelles grazed and humans hunted & gathered their food

About 7000 yrs ago the climate changed, and all but the land closest to the Nile turned to desert. People began to farm by the River Nile and born communities, But

in the north became an important Trade
center. In the South - NAQA^ÂDA and
HIERAKONOPOLIS became centers of
population

5000 - 4000 BC

UR (south of Uruk) near
mouth of Euphrates

5000-1800 BC

Lagash (on Tigris - near mouth)

SOTOBC

From diminutive plants (weepest
fragments, about an inch long,
An ear of wild corn) Indians
began domesticating corn as
early as SOTOBC

Probably Central Mexico
Tehuacán Valley.

Maize sprang from a grass native
to Mexico. It took only a thousand

years for the Indians to transform
wild corn into primitive domesticated
corn. (After to the Zuni Indians)

5000 BC \rightarrow AD 1000

Nipper (not far from
Euphrates - north of Uruk)

5000 B C

Copper used in trade in
Mediterranean area.

5000 BC

7000 YA

DENDRO CHRONOLOGY

otherwise known as tree-ring dating.
This method is used to date wooden structures and objects from archaeological sites by comparing the pattern of growth rings with an established master sequence for tree-ring width over the last 7000 yrs.

C 5000 BC \rightarrow 2000 BC etc

for pottery
Aging

Thermoluminescence:

(means "giving out light when heated") a scientific dating method ~~based~~ based on the fact that when pottery is heated, it will give out light that can be measured. The more light that is given out, the older the object

5000 yr

wheat has been cultivated for
at least 7000 yrs in every
continent except Antarctica.

5000BC (7000YA)

More than 6000 yrs before the Inca Empire, an ancient Pacific Coast culture began mummifying its dead.

(Nat Geo p968 3/1995-)

They have found a young boy's body stuffed with earth and covered with ash paste; his skull topped with a wig of human hair.

CHINCHOKRO people had been
mummifying their people fully 7000
yrs before the Nile Valley.

Earliest known date is 5050 BC

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In Tigris - Euphrates, there clustered many cities. Each such city was a "state" by itself, under its own king, and it controlled the surrounding hamlets and farming territory.

Each city had a literature of its own.

Four leading cities - ACCAD (AGADE),

UR, BABYLON, and NINEVEH

About 5000 BC

There were about 40 petty states in the land that was to become Egypt.

Each was ruled by a king. Memphis in the lower valley, and Thebes 350 miles farther up the river were the greatest of many royal cities.

5000 BC

The rock giraffes of Niger, Africa,
were carved (South Central Sahara)

They have made silicone
molds of these giraffes
& installed in the Louvre